

from coast-to-coast and across the world. His words struck fear into the hearts of our enemies and warmed the hearts of our friends.

We have a lot to learn from President Reagan's life, his legacy, and his leadership.

RECOGNIZING VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Ms. SHALALA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SHALALA. Madam Speaker, this is National Gun Violence Survivors Week, and I rise to recognize the victims and survivors of domestic violence across the United States who have felt the effects of our weak gun laws.

Just last week in my community in Miami, a man killed his infant son's mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother with a high-powered rifle before abducting the days-old baby. The infant, Andrew, is still missing.

Stories like this are not unusual in this country. Women in the United States are 21 times more likely to be murdered with a gun than in other high-income countries.

When we don't take action, it is people like Andrew, his mother, his grandmother, and his great-grandmother who pay the price.

Andrew deserves to grow up with his family. He deserves leaders who prioritize his well-being over the violent whims of abusers. He deserves a chance at life not tinged with tragedy.

GUN VIOLENCE IS MISNOMER

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, it is indeed National Gun Violence Survivors Week. We all share in mourning the loss of those lives that have been taken by those filled with anger, hate, and evil. However, gun violence is a misnomer.

Evil lies in the hearts of people. Guns are inanimate objects, much like this pen, which isn't going to move for the entire time I am making this speech.

It is naive to believe that more gun seizures, more violations of our Second Amendment, are going to do anything other than create more victims in gun-free zones. Ask Jack Wilson, who stopped evil because he was armed in that church in Texas recently.

It is naive to think that evil will be disarmed. Only the innocent will be disarmed in this continued press to have our Second Amendment violated and eliminated.

LOSING LOVED ONE TO GUN VIOLENCE IS WOUND THAT NEVER HEALS

(Mr. SCHNEIDER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, like so many of my colleagues, I rise today during National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

We mark this occasion at the beginning of February because with a gun death rate 10 times greater than other developed nations, more Americans have already been killed with guns in 2020 than are killed in the entire year in our peer countries. We are a Nation suffering an epidemic of gun violence.

Each year, more than 36,000 Americans are killed in acts of gun violence, and an additional 100,000 are injured by firearms.

The trauma caused by this violence is not limited to the victims. Losing a loved one to gun violence is a wound that never heals.

If this were any other epidemic destroying lives on such a great scale, we would have long ago taken action.

To be fair, in this House, we did act. Nearly a year ago, we passed bipartisan background check legislation, H.R. 8, to close loopholes that allow gun sales to go unchecked. In the Senate, Leader McConnell is blocking a vote and choosing obstruction over saving lives.

Enough is enough. For all the survivors of gun violence, this week, we demand action.

CHILDREN SHOULD GROW UP WITHOUT FEAR OF GUN VIOLENCE

(Mr. ALLRED asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. ALLRED. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor survivors during National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

Tragically, this week, sisters Deja and Abbaney Matts of Garland were killed, and Abbaney's toddler was injured at a shooting at Texas A&M-Commerce University. The shooter was believed to be her ex-boyfriend, who was recently charged with aggravated assault for attacking Abbaney.

I send my deepest condolences to the Matts family.

To honor the Matts and to underscore the need for action, I want to share a letter 6-year-old Cal Bingham of Rowlett sent me after the mass shootings in El Paso at Midland. He wrote: "When kids get shot, that's less friends to play with. When I grow up, I don't want to hear about anymore on the news about people being killed with guns. What are you going to do to help make us safer?"

I want my son, Jordan, and kids like Cal to grow up without fear of gun violence. I call on the Senate to act and pass the bipartisan bills that we have passed in this House, including background checks and the Violence Against Women Act. Our children are watching.

SUPPORTING FEDERAL PRIVACY LEGISLATION

(Ms. DELBENE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DELBENE. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of Federal privacy legislation.

With every new app that is downloaded or website that is used, people run the risk of turning over their most sensitive personal data without even knowing it.

Right now, consumers are left with virtually no rights or protections. We have seen the damage done by the Facebook Cambridge Analytica scandal, yet there has been zero action from Congress. This is unacceptable.

I believe we can and must have a national data privacy law that gives consumers control over their data and that sets fair rules of the road for businesses to comply.

I introduced H.R. 1013, the Information Privacy and Personal Data Protection Act, which would address both. I urge my colleagues to take up this issue to make it a priority and work with me in moving this legislation forward.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE SURVIVORS WEEK

(Mr. CLAY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLAY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Gun Violence Survivors Week.

When gun violence occurs in a community, lives are too often lost, but for survivors, the neighborhoods they know and love are never the same.

This is especially true when gun violence impacts our young people. Despite the terrible loss of so many young lives in my district last year, I see hope in the messages from their peers.

I recently heard from some high school students who shared their stories and support for a bill I introduced with Congresswoman ROBIN KELLY, H.R. 3435, the Local Public Health and Safety Act, to empower local communities to address gun violence.

These students believe we can make changes to heal our communities and prevent future tragedies. I agree and join them in a renewed call to action on behalf of survivors everywhere.

HONORING COURAGEOUS SURVIVORS OF GUN VIOLENCE WHO ARE FIGHTING FOR CHANGE

(Ms. ESHOO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, this is National Gun Violence Survivors Week, and I rise today to honor the many courageous survivors of gun violence across our country who are fighting for change.

Over 70 percent of the American people, including a majority of gun owners, support universal background